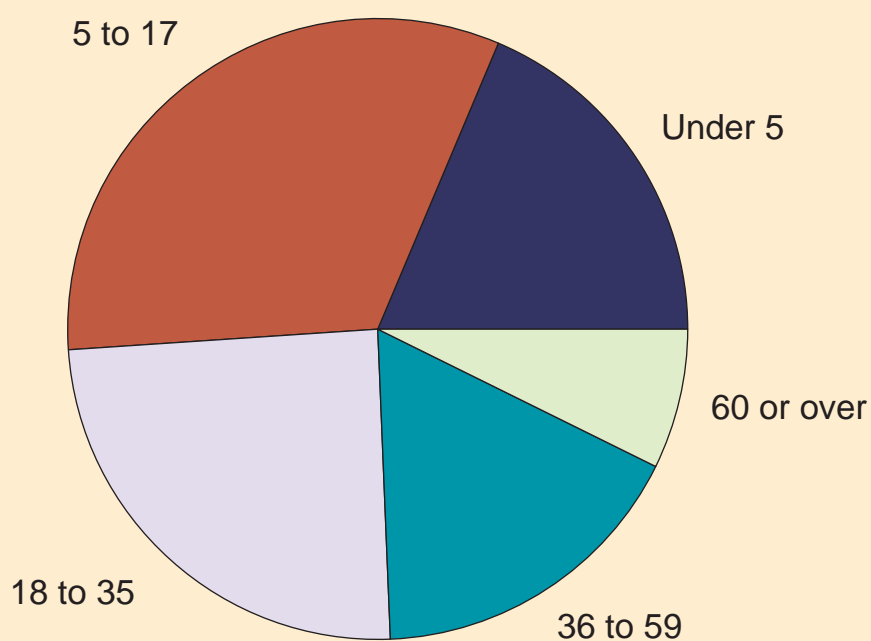


FIGURE 3

Distribution of Food Stamp Participants by Age, 1996
Children comprise half of all food stamp participants



Source: USDA Food and Nutrition Service. Data are based on a sample of food stamp households in 1996.



TABLE 3. Distribution of Food Stamp Participants by Age, 1996

Age	Percent
Less than 5 years of age	18.6
5 to 17 years of age	32.4
18 to 35 years of age	24.6
36 to 59 years of age	17.0
60 or more years of age	7.3

Source: USDA, Food and Nutrition Service. Data are based on a sample of food stamp households in 1996.